

Testimony to the Montgomery County Council

Hearing Date: February 28, 2023

**In re: Bill 8-23, Boards, Committees, and Commissions - Open Meetings -
Supplemental Requirements**

Position: Support

As you all know, this bill would require boards, committees, and commissions to provide more information to the public both in advance of meetings and as a result of meetings.

Specific examples include the following: publish, within certain timeframes, the dates, times and locations of meetings, meeting agendas and meeting minutes; require boards, committees and commissions to make meeting recordings available under certain circumstances; require the posting of draft meeting minutes under certain circumstances; require certain reporting by the Office of the County Executive to the Council; and generally amend the laws regarding boards, committees and commissions and regarding open meetings.

LWVMC believes that government should be as open as possible to the people it serves and should certainly make it easier for us to ascertain plans and results.

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